- 1 Q Now, I mean, there were various pleadings and
- things filed back and forth in that proceeding. Did your
- 3 FCC counsel as a matter of routine send copies of those
- 4 pleadings to you when they received them?
- 5 A Yes, they did, as a matter of routine.
- 6 Q And what did you do with the pleadings when you
- 7 got them, if anything?
- 8 A Unless there was some action required by me or
- 9 some call from counsel to read it, i.e., please, you've got
- the swear to the contents of this document or this pleading;
- 11 please review it because -- thoroughly because you're going
- to have to understand the facts and swear to them, I
- wouldn't normally read through them. Some of them were ten
- 14 times this size.
- Many -- and I was getting documents at that time
- 16 from the MPAA case that Howard Barr was handling from his
- 17 court pleadings on those. I was getting substantial court
- 18 pleadings from the hardwire unfranchised cable company case
- 19 that was moving from the 2nd Circuit -- moving from the
- 20 Southern District to the 2nd Circuit. And there were
- 21 voluminous legal documents.
- 22 And I was trying the best I could to run what was
- about a 50 person company and had a lot of balls in the air
- 24 at the same time. And it was difficult to be our regulatory
- 25 -- full time regulatory supervisor as well as do my

- operating duties. It's not an excuse for what happened.
- 2 But I was stretched.
- 3 Q And I take it from your answer that you -- that
- 4 you -- that you -- if you received a copy of Exhibit 1, you
- 5 would have gone ahead and sent Mr. Nourain a copy of it as
- 6 well because you thought it was something that he should
- 7 have.
- 8 A That's correct.
- 9 Q And -- and you expected him to -- to act upon it
- in an appropriate fashion.
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Okay. But I take it that it was not your practice
- to occasionally call him up or speak with him and verify
- 14 that in fact he did something with this document or a
- similar document that you forwarded to him.
- 16 A That was never my practice, no.
- 17 Q Okay. Now, did you have -- in addition to the
- 18 weekly Thursday meetings that you had with your department
- 19 heads, did you also have regular periodic meetings with --
- with Mr. Nourain and Mr. Ontiveros in some smaller group?
- 21 A Not regular period meetings. On occasion, we
- 22 would assemble a larger group of the marketing account
- execs. and a larger group of the operations staff and a
- 24 larger group of administrative people just to get together
  - 25 to talk to one another about what was going on in the

- company; to fill in people's information gaps; to let them
- 2 know what was new and that they wouldn't find out in the
- ordinary course just within their departments.
- 4 But did I have a periodic meeting with the
- operations department? No. Would I every couple of times a
- 6 year drop in on their meeting just to let them know I was
- 7 still alive because they were uptown and I was downtown or
- 8 take the installers to lunch at Christmastime? Yes, I did.
- 9 Q So I take it that you depended primarily upon Mr.
- 10 Ontiveros to communicate to Mr. Nourain whatever it is your
- wishes might have been expressed about Mr. Nourain doing
- 12 something in a weekly meeting.
- 13 A Well, I -- I had -- I wasn't asking Mr. Nourain to
- do anything, so I wouldn't ask Tony Ontiveros to tell --
- 15 report on Behrooz Nourain. I just asked -- we would ask him
- 16 at the weekly staff meeting to report upon what was going on
- in the operations department; how things were going; how
- 18 were they progressing against the schedule and if they had
- any problems they needed solved. And they would sometimes
- 20 have problems with delivery of electronics from Hughes
- 21 Electronics or the need to get a new van because of the
- 22 number of buildings we were serving or hire more personnel.
- 23 So they had a variety of those types of issues.
- 24 Q But, for example, if you needed a line of site
  - 25 survey for a new building that you were trying to sign up, I

- 1 take it that -- that you would not directly call Mr. Nourain
- 2 and ask him to do that. You would depend on Mr. Ontiveros
- 3 or someone else to do that.
- A Marketing would do that with operations. And as I
- 5 said, I would get involved if people had a problem. It
- 6 would bounce to me in that example: if they had no line of
- 7 site and what do we do if we don't -- do we walk away from
- 8 the contract or do we tell them we'll be back in a period of
- 9 time after we have a neighboring building. But, no, I would
- 10 not get involved unless someone asked me to get involved
- 11 because they couldn't solve the problem.
- 12 Q Okay. Did the Pepper & Corazzini firm send you
- 13 copies of as-filed versions of license applications and STA
- 14 requests?
- 15 A I would see them on occasion. Whether they were
- 16 sending me everything, I doubt it. I would see documents on
- occasion. But I don't think I was seeing all the documents.
- 18 Q And -- and I take it that you expected them to
- 19 send them to Mr. Nourain.
- 20 A That's correct.
- Q Okay. But again, you didn't -- you didn't attempt
- 22 to verify that that was happening with Mr. Nourain.
- A No, I didn't. There wasn't apparently any need,
- $\sim$  24 although in retrospect, there should have been more
  - supervision or some procedure in place that wasn't.

- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, this talk about having a
- 2 procedure in place, did you have any idea what Mr. Nourain
- 3 was doing in terms of when he had the authorization to
- 4 activate these paths?
- 5 THE WITNESS: No, I presumed that he knew -- he
- 6 was recommended by someone I respected. He was supervised
- 7 by someone I had worked with for a period of several years,
- 8 Tony Ontiveros. And he was I believe audited I thought by
- 9 regulatory counsel I talked to once a week. And no one told
- 10 me that I should be concerned that he wasn't doing what he
- 11 was supposed to do.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, no one had told you that you
- 13 should be concerned. But your chief executive officer --
- 14 well, I'm -- you've answered my question. I mean, you
- 15 answered the question.
- BY MR. BECKNER:
- 17 Q Mr. Price, you've just testified again about the
- 18 procedures. And you mentioned early in your direct
- 19 testimony that there was a gentleman named Bruce McKinnon
- who was chief operating officer at Liberty and who left the
- 21 company -- when did he leave? In like May of 1994, is that
- 22 right?
- A I believe it was in that time frame.
- Q Okay. When McKinnon was there, did he sit on
- 25 these weekly meetings -- the Thursday meetings that you've

- been talking about?
- MR. SPITZER: Your Honor, Bruce, I think it may
- 3 have been 1993, not 1994.
- 4 MR. BECKNER: I'll accept your correction, Mr.
- 5 Spitzer. Clearly, whenever it was, it was before the
- 6 circumstances that we're talking about arose.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. Thank you, Mr. Spitzer.
- 8 Be sure the Witness is focused on the -- you know, the right
- 9 time frame.
- BY MR. BECKNER:
- 11 Q Yes, the time frame I want you to focus on, Mr.
- Price, is -- you've been talking about procedures that you
- had in place or that you thought you had in place. And you
- 14 made reference in your direct testimony to a memorandum that
- 15 you wrote I believe in 1992.
- 16 A That's correct.
- 17 Q And at that time -- or after that memorandum, Mr.
- 18 McKinnon was in fact working for Liberty Cable.
- 19 A That's correct.
- 20 Q Because he was the recipient in the memorandum,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A That's correct.
- 23 Q All right. Now, I want to talk about the
- $\sim$  24 procedure that existed when Mr. McKinnon was there at
  - Liberty Cable. And the question that I wanted to ask you is

- did Mr. McKinnon attend -- did you have regular Thursday
- weekly meetings of department heads when Mr. McKinnon worked
- 3 for Liberty Cable?
- 4 A Yes, we did.
- 5 Q And did you attend those meetings?
- 6 A Yes, I did.
- 7 Q Along with Mr. McKinnon.
- 8 A That's correct.
- 9 Q Okay. Now -- now, he's testified about those
- 10 meetings in depositions. I'm not going to tell you what
- 11 he's testified. I'm just going to let you know that he has.
- 12 But what I want to know is whether you recall in the
- meetings back in what I'm going to call the McKinnon days,
- 14 was there discussion in those meetings of -- of -- of the
- fact of, say, we've just got a license granted yesterday or
- 16 this past week? Do you remember those kind of discussions
- 17 back in those days?
- 18 A In the very beginning when we got our first STAs
- or when we were waiting anxiously for any kind of FCC
- 20 authorization, I recall there was a period then when we got
- 21 a bunch of paper one day. And I went to Bruce and said what
- is this. And he said I don't know. And he gave it to
- Behrooz. And finally somebody said, well, this is an FCC
- $\sim$  24  $\,$  license. So that was eureka. We learned we had one and we
  - learned what one looked like. In the normal course do I

- 1 recall somebody saying we got an FCC license at one of those
- 2 meetings? No.
- 3 Q And -- and --
- 4 A He might have, but I don't recall.
- 5 O And do you recall in those meetings whether or not
- in the course of discussions about the impending activation
- of a particular building, that there was any discussion
- 8 about -- and again, I'm referring to the -- when McKinnon
- 9 was there -- if there was any discussion about the licensing
- 10 status of that building?
- 11 A As I said, with the first couple of buildings
- where we were anxiously awaiting authority to activate any
- building at all, yes, that would come up. Oh, great, we
- 14 finally got a license or STA. Subsequent to that, no, I
- don't recall that was a subject in the meetings.
- 16 Q Was -- when Mr. McKinnon was employed by Liberty,
- was he the one whom you considered responsible for
- overseeing the licensing and what I'm going to call the
- 19 compliance process?
- 20 A No. As I said before, that was between
- 21 engineering and regulatory counsel in Washington, that I
- 22 asked Bruce to make sure that engineering made that
- 23 connection. Was he the immediate supervisory of Tony who
- 24 was the supervisor of Behrooz and was operations intimately
  - 25 involved with the installation and activation of buildings?

- 1 Yes. And were they coordinating with regulatory counsel?
- Yes. In that sense, Bruce was the oversight of the
- 3 operations department who was the oversight of engineering
- 4 who was responsible for that function, yes.
- 5 Q But as far as you're concerned though, after Mr.
- 6 McKinnon left Liberty Cable -- and no one replaced his job,
- 7 is that right?
- 8 A That's correct.
- 9 Q Okay. After he left Liberty Cable, there was no
- 10 change in your perception as to how --
- 11 A The people responsible and the way things should
- 12 proceed, no.
- Q Okay. You finished my question for me. And I'll
- 14 accept your finishing the question.
- 15 A Thank you.
- 16 Q I'd like you to take a look at Time
- Warner/Cablevision Exhibit 18 which is in the large
- 18 notebook. And that is the surreply filed by Liberty Cable
- 19 with the FCC.
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- Q Okay. Now, you've -- you've filed a verification
- of the accuracy of the factual statements of this document.
- 23 And that's at page 008 of the exhibit.
- A Yes, I see it.
- Q Okay. And that's your signature and that's your

- 1 dated May 17, 1995, correct?
- 2 A Yes, it is.
- 3 Q By the way, do you -- do you make your sevens in
- 4 the European manner with the slash through the seven? Is
- 5 that --
- 6 A Yes, I do.
- 7 Q That's a practice of yours?
- 8 A Yes, it is.
- 9 Q Okay. And I take it then because you did the
- verification, you reviewed this document in draft form
- 11 before you --
- 12 A Yes, I did.
- 13 Q -- signed the declaration. Okay. I want to ask
- 14 you just about a couple of the statements that are in it.
- 15 If you would go to the page that's marked 003 in the small
- numbers at the bottom; it's also page 3 of the pleading. Do
- 17 you have that page in front of you, sir?
- 18 A Yes, I do.
- 19 Q Okay. I want to ask you about a sentence that's
- in the second paragraph on the page. And it's about two-
- 21 thirds of the way down. And the sentence reads, "To
- compound the situation, the administration department failed
- 23 to notify Mr. Nourain that a grant of Liberty's applications
- $\sim$  24 was being held up indefinitely as a result of the Time
  - 25 Warner petitions."

1	Α	Right.

- 2 O And the reference is Exhibits 1 and 2. And
- 3 Exhibits 1 and 2 are, of course, the declarations of you and
- 4 Mr. Nourain. The administration department that's
- 5 identified in this pleading, that's you, isn't it?
- A In effect it's me because I'm the one responsible
- 7 for knowing what's going on in the company and fixing it
- 8 when it's wrong. I think what's being referred to here is
- 9 the trafficking of communication between one department and
- another, what we described as an administrative foul up.
- 11 And I think the use of "administrative department" is used
- to describe not so much as a physical department, although
- there is one responsible for preparing documents, copying
- 14 them and distributing them. It's to describe what we said
- was an administrative foul up in the company.
- 16 Q Okay. And -- and just to pursue that a little bit
- 17 further, what this -- I take it that it would be correct to
- 18 read this sentence is that -- the problem is that you knew
- 19 the grant of Liberty's applications was being held up. But
- 20 you didn't tell that to Mr. Nourain.
- 21 A I think the effect is that I should have known or
- 22 could have known. But I -- I didn't -- I specifically
- 23 didn't know that.
- Q I'm sorry. You specifically didn't know what?
  - 25 A That -- I knew that we were having problems with

- the -- the granting of applications and that we were getting
- delayed. But I specifically didn't just get into the
- 3 details with Mr. Nourain.
- 4 Q Right.
- 5 A Right.
- 6 Q And you didn't tell him.
- 7 A Right.
- 8 Q Okay. That's fine. Now, I take it it would be
- 9 fair to say that at the time that this surreply was filed,
- 10 you were very concerned that you might be told by the FCC to
- turn off these unlicensed facilities until the matter could
- 12 be resolved. Is that a fair statement?
- 13 A I think it was one of the concerns, yes. I mean,
- 14 that was -- we had a lot on our minds and that was one of
- 15 the concerns.
- 16 Q And if the FCC told you turn off the microwave
- facility, then you had no other way of providing your
- 18 service to your customers in the affected buildings. Is
- 19 that right?
- 20 A No, there are other ways. Whether we could -- you
- 21 know, whether we could apply for a franchise from the city
- 22 of New York and get it before the STAs -- before the
- 23 Commission required us to turn off service, that's a sticky
- 24 question.
- But, yes, there are other ways to provide cable

- 1 service in the city of New York besides microwave
- transmission. I don't mean to be cute, but we were looking
- 3 at every -- we had discussed the -- the subject of a
- 4 franchise with the city. And believe me, we were exploring
- 5 every which way that we could provide service if we couldn't
- 6 -- if Time Warner prevailed on their first petition and we
- 7 couldn't provide service by microwave at all, regardless.
- 8 Sure that was on our mind.
- 9 Q But in the short run -- and by the short run, I
- mean in the matter of a few months, if you were forced to
- 11 turn off your microwave links, there was no other way in the
- 12 short run that you could serve customers in those affected
- 13 buildings, was there?
- 14 A Not that we could determine.
- 15 Q I mean, isn't that essentially --
- 16 A No effective way, that's correct.
- 17 Q I mean, that's essentially what you told the FCC,
- 18 is it not?
- 19 A That's correct.
- 20 Yes. And so in fact you did not turn off any of
- 21 these microwave paths because the FCC did not tell you turn
- them off, is that right?
- 23 A That's correct.
- $\sim 24$  Q Now, I'd like you just to turn, if you would, to
  - 25 what's been marked as Time Warner/Cablevision Number 20;

- that's Tab 20 in the book that you have open before you.
- 2 A That's the --
- 3 Q It's the --
- 4 A June 9 it says at the top?
- 5 Q Yes. That's the -- a letter from Michael Hayden
- 6 addressed to Howard Barr and Henry Rivera.
- 7 A Yes. I see that someone at the FCC uses the
- 8 European method of making sevens, that one.
- 9 Q Okay.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: That's the Court Reporter for the
- 11 case.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Oh, I see.
- BY MR. BECKNER:
- 14 Q Oh, yes. Just to advise you that this rectangular
- stamp that you'll see on the first page is an exhibit stamp
- that's affixed by the Court Reporter in this proceeding.
- 17 A I see.
- 18 Q So whenever you look at a document, you should
- ignore that stamp because it's obviously not part of the
- 20 document --
- 21 A I see. I will do that.
- 22 Q -- as it originally existed.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: But that's going to change next
- 24 week because we're going to get another Court Reporter.
- THE WITNESS: I hope it wasn't my fault.

- 1 MR. BEGLEITER: One who writes the sevens
- 2 numerically.
- 3 BY MR. BECKNER:
- 4 Q Do you remember getting a copy of this letter, you
- 5 know, from perhaps your legal counsel sometime around June
- 6 9th of 1995?
- 7 A May I just read it for a second?
- 8 Q Sure. Yes. Take whatever time you need.
- 9 A Yes, I've read it. And I've -- I recall receiving
- 10 it.
- 11 Q Okay. And again, just -- if you would turn to
- 12 Liberty/Bureau Exhibit -- that's the other notebook. The
- thin notebook. Do you have that in front of you?
- 14 A No, I don't.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Which exhibit do you want him to
- 16 see?
- MR. BECKNER: Liberty/Bureau Exhibit 3, Your
- 18 Honor. I'm sorry. I didn't realize I was asking you to
- 19 take the Judge's book from him.
- 20 JUDGE SIPPEL: No, that's all right.
- BY MR. BECKNER:
- 22 Q Mr. Price, do you recognize Liberty/Bureau Exhibit
- 23 3 as your response to the --
- $\sim$  24 A Yes. If you're going to ask me questions on it,
  - 25 I'd like to read it if I may.

- 1 Q Yes, sure. Take your time.
- 2 A Yes, I've read it.
- Okay. Now, I don't recall you -- let me just do
- 4 the formalities. Exhibit 3 is in fact a -- a true copy of a
- letter that you sent to Mr. Hayden on June 16th, correct?
- 6 A That's correct.
- 7 Q Okay. Now, at the time that you sent this June
- 8 16th letter, were you reasonably satisfied that you -- you
- 9 had identified all of the instances of unlicensed and
- 10 operating microwave paths by Liberty?
- 11 A I think your description as "reasonably satisfied"
- is correct. Given the problems we were having and the rude
- discoveries we were making, I wasn't complete satisfied, but
- 14 reasonably satisfied.
- 15 Q That was a deliberate choice of words on my part.
- 16 A Thank you.
- 17 Q And -- and I apologize for making you flip back
- 18 and forth. But the response to Mr. Hayden's letter which --
- 19 which you said that you got which is Exhibit -- Time
- 20 Warner/Cablevision Exhibit 20 is in two places in the
- 21 proceeding. One place is your Exhibit 3 which we've just
- 22 been looking at. And the other place is Time
- Warner/Cablevision Exhibit 21. And if you'll just turn to
- 24 that in the book.
  - A May I read it? Although it may take a while.

- 1 Q You certainly may read it. I -- in the interest
- of shortening things down somewhat, there's -- I'll just
- advise you there's some exhibits and things that are hung on
- 4 the back of the letter. And I don't think you need to read
- 5 them. I'm not going to ask you about them anyway except --
- 6 except for Mr. Nourain's declaration which is Exhibit 1 to
- 7 the letter. But everything that follows that, I'm not going
- 8 to ask you about.
- 9 JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, it sounds -- do you have a
- 10 line of questions that it's going to go into?
- MR. BECKNER: I've got a few guestions about this,
- 12 Your Honor. Maybe I just want to hold this and --
- JUDGE SIPPEL: I think maybe so. We're getting
- 14 close to the point where we agreed to close down this
- 15 afternoon. And, you know, unless you think you can finish
- 16 up in five minutes.
- MR. BECKNER: No, I don't think so. In
- 18 particular, because the Witness does need to take a look at
- 19 the document and that will take some time.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: That's a long document.
- MR. BECKNER: I mean, can we finish ten minutes
- 22 earlier than we said we would or --
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Yes, we will. I want to go off the
- $\sim 24$  record.
  - 25 (A discussion was held off the record.)

JUDGE SIPPEL: It's almost 4:40 and we're going to 1 -- we're going to finish up for the day now and come back at 2 9:30 on Tuesday morning next week. So Mr. -- Mr. Price, 3 you're going to come back and testify on Tuesday which means 4 5 that you're still under oath. And as I've instructed the other witnesses in this case, you're not to discuss the 6 7 substance of your testimony with any of the other witnesses, either that have gone before or who might come after you. 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. 9 JUDGE SIPPEL: All right? And counsel can give 10 you some more advice on that if you need it. So you're 11 12 excused and we'll see you Tuesday. THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. 13 14 (Whereupon, the Witness was excused.) 15 JUDGE SIPPEL: Let's go off the record. 16 (Off the record.) 17 JUDGE SIPPEL: Back on the record. MR. WEBER: Your Honor, the Bureau would like to 18 19 make a request at this time. As you recall, I did some questioning of Mr. Lehmkuhl on their billing records. 20 21 other than for a small portion of the records that dealt 22 with around the time the February 24th memo was prepared, we 23 have not seen billing records and had not necessarily **~24** considered it highly relevant until some of the -- some of 25 the recent testimony. At this time, we would like to

- 1 request that we get the Pepper & Corazzini billing records
- 2 from January through May 1985 -- 1995, because we believe it
- may help show some sequence of events, as well.
- 4 JUDGE SIPPEL: That would be just for the -- I
- 5 mean, just for this account --
- 6 MR. WEBER: Oh, certainly. Just for the 1808
- 7 account.
- 8 MR. SPITZER: Your Honor, let me just clarify for
- 9 the record. There had been -- Mr. Holt earlier said that
- there had been a document request for all the billing
- 11 records. I don't believe that was entirely correct. In our
- conversations with the Bureau prior to our document
- productions in April and then thereafter, we'd agreed upon
- 14 which ones we would produce. And Mr. Weber is entirely
- 15 correct. We produced those which they deemed most relevant.
- 16 At this point in time, we're more than happy to comply with
- 17 the request and get them, you know, the additional period,
- January -- 1/1/95 through -- I'm sorry, the terminus date
- 19 was?
- MR. WEBER: Through May 1995 and including --
- 21 MR. SPITZER: Through May -- end of May 1995.
- We're happy to do that.
- 23 MR. BECKNER: And I think if want to redact the
- 24 dollar amounts, you know, from the bills, we don't need to
  - see that. We'd like to see the time-keeper's initials, the

- description and the amount of time and of course the date.
- 2 But, you know, whether it's --
- JUDGE SIPPEL: No, that's fair.
- 4 MR. BECKNER: -- \$5,000.00, that's not what we're
- 5 concerned with.
- 6 JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. Then that's going to be
- 7 provided to you then.
- 8 MR. WEBER: Thank you.
- 9 JUDGE SIPPEL: And you're going to take a look at
- 10 the -- you're going to take a look at the corporate minutes
- 11 but you don't expect to find anything. And what about --
- has that been gone over pretty carefully with these -- with
- these responsible people at the company, at Liberty, their
- 14 desk calendars?
- MR. SPITZER: Yes, Your Honor.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: They have?
- 17 MR. SPITZER: Yes. I have personal instruction
- 18 and demands and -- yes.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: But I mean have you all -- have the
- 20 lawyers -- have the attorneys in this case looked at them?
- 21 Have you physically looked at them?
- 22 MR. SPITZER: We have instructed and had read to
- us precise entries of all phone logs and calendars and
- 24 entries. And we have -- as I can only say because it is in
- 25 our interest to reconstruct with as great precision as

- 1 possible the events of this period, we have done that.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. Okay. I'm going to
- 3 just -- you know, you go ahead and start packing up. But
- 4 I'm thinking what -- the things that I'm thinking about --
- 5 certainly Mr. Ontiveros is a definite. Mr. Barr looks like
- 6 he's becoming more and more of a likelihood and Liberty may
- 7 want to offer him as -- I mean, even without us asking, you
- 8 might want to produce him. Mr. Edward Milstein is the other
- 9 one I've got in light of what we heard today. And that --
- 10 those are the -- those are the -- I wanted to impart that
- 11 information to you.
- 12 And the other thing I wanted to let the -- to let
- the Bureau know is that when this is -- when all is said and
- done on -- on this -- this phase, I know you're in as a
- joint movement on this -- on this issue. But I definitely
- 16 want independent comments from the Bureau --
- MR. WEBER: We had --
- 18 JUDGE SIPPEL: -- at the conclusion of this.
- MR. WEBER: We had intended upon filing our -- a
- separate proposed findings and conclusions.
- 21 JUDGE SIPPEL: That would be fine. That would be
- 22 fine. All right. That's all I wanted to say right now. So
- 23 then -- I'm available tomorrow for -- if you want -- if
- there's a telephone conference for scheduling or something
- 25 else comes up, I'm available tomorrow for that purpose.

- MR. BECKNER: Your Honor, just for purposes so I
- 2 understand what I need to prepare for, we're going to be --
- 3 after we do our non-testimonial work on Tuesday morning,
- 4 we're going to resume Mr. Price and then Mr. Ontiveros. Is
- 5 that what you have in mind?
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, I'm leaving it -- you know, I
- 7 feel like leaving it up to Liberty in terms of scheduling.
- 8 Now, we're going to finish up Mr. Price. I -- I -- my
- 9 expectations are to finish up Mr. Price on Tuesday.
- MR. BECKNER: Oh, sure. Yes.
- 11 JUDGE SIPPEL: Now, whether -- Mr. Ontiveros I
- 12 expect is going to be here in case we have time. But I --
- MR. BEGLEITER: Do you really think there will be
- 14 time, Your Honor?
- JUDGE SIPPEL: I don't know. I have no way of
- 16 knowing that.l
- MR. BECKNER: Well, I just raised the question. I
- don't have any preference if he -- if you would rather not
- 19 waste Mr. Ontiveros' time by having him sit around here,
- 20 that would be okay with me. but I just thought I ought to -
- 21 I'm just curious as to what your plans were.
- 22 MR. SPITZER: I have gotten different reactions
- 23 when I've asked different counsel this question. But how
- ∠ 24 many additional hours of cross do you think you have? And
  - 25 then we can -- you know, I wouldn't blithely waste his time.

- On the other hand, I'd rather not waste the Court's time.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Let's come to a -- let me just
- 3 bring this to a short conclusion. We'll just -- we'll just
- 4 finish up with Mr. Price. If we can get -- if we can get
- 5 through the questions -- get all of those administrative
- issues and witnesses and all resolved and get a final, final
- 7 hearing schedule worked out plus get finished with Mr.
- 8 Price, you know, and leave here at sundown on Tuesday, I
- 9 think that would be a successful day.
- MR. BEGLEITER: And we had asked actually to leave
- 11 at 3:00 on Tuesday.
- 12 JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, there you are. See?
- MR. BECKNER: Oh, yes. I forgot about that.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: That's right. You did. So I
- agree, it would make no sense to try to do anything useful
- 16 with Mr. Ontiveros on Tuesday.
- MR. BEGLEITER: I'm not entirely convinced we're
- 18 going to be finished with Mr. Price on Tuesday.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. Anybody have anything
- 20 more? We're in recess then until 9:30 next Tuesday.
- 21 (Whereupon, at 4:44 p.m. on Thursday, January 16,
- 22 1997, the hearing recessed to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on
- 23 Tuesday, January 21, 1997.)
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